

**BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS**  
With this issue THE TRANSCRIPT completes the forty-fifth year of its publication; but although nearing the half-century mark, far from showing grey hairs or decrepitude, it is renewing its youth, aye, surpassing in its nature, manly vigor, even the robust promises of its younger days.

In the year now closing we have added 900 new subscriptions, more than fifty per cent. of which are from those not of our household of faith politically—an appreciable compliment to the non-partisan fairness with which this journal has sought to treat all questions of state and national politics, and yet more, a tribute to the attempt of the editor to make THE TRANSCRIPT first of all a local paper, primarily devoted to home news and home interests and above everything else, the promoter and champion of all that promises to benefit its patrons and the community in which it is published. We always thought Middletown wanted a "live" local paper—now we know it. We are proud to know that on every question that concerns the public good—the welfare of the town of Middletown and the rich farming country surrounding it—THE TRANSCRIPT has come to be recognized as a fighter—a hard "kicker," if you please, against every form of injustice, wrong or denial of private or public right.

Again, this has been THE TRANSCRIPT's banner year for advertising. Never before since its first ad. was set for its columns, has it had so much advertising matter—indeed, at times, it has been forced to trench upon its local and editorial space to accommodate its numerous patrons seeking its valuable aid to bring their wares and business to the notice of the best classes of the buying and dealing public.

This circumstance of an increased advertising as well as an increased subscription patronage, is also a just and merited tribute to the paper, for THE TRANSCRIPT never was so widely and carefully read, its local, advertising and editorial matter so fully scanned, quoted and not infrequently combated, as in the past year.

The public do read THE TRANSCRIPT, even though not always assenting to some of its views. This gives value to it as an advertising medium and the most sagacious business men are recognizing that fact more and more.

So while expressing its entire appreciation of this liberal patronage at the hands of its subscribers and advertisers, THE TRANSCRIPT promises to the utmost of its ability to surpass in the coming year of grace, its achievements in the past and ever increasingly to merit this flattering recognition of a courteous, honest and live local newspaper.

**THE LESSON OF A SUNDIAL**  
Over the gateway of an old castle is a sundial and around the dial are these words:  
I mark time, dost thou?  
I am a shadow, so art thou.  
In keeping with the second line is Edmund Burke's estimate of man—"What shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue." The closing days of the year make us feel that in some measure we are as shadows creeping over the face of time. And yet it ought to be possible for us to answer affirmatively the combined statement and question, "I mark time, dost thou." Most certainly we can do this when we live the true life—the life of clean character and of service to others, doing the best we can as we know how. The man who has done that during the year now ending may not be altogether satisfied with himself but he may rejoice that he has had some share, however humble, in helping the world to be better. In truest sense the man who does that is far more substantial than a shadow.

**NO DISCRIMINATIONS**  
He had his virtues. This old year was impartial. No discriminations knew he between classes or conditions. He meted the same number of hours to the man in the bovel and the man on the throne. The hour-glass he

turned the same number of times for him whose garments were plain and coarse and him who wore garments of costliest fabrics. Like God who sent him, this old year was no respecter of persons. He showed constant vigilance. No laggard, no loiterer, he, having been sent to fill a place in time's calendar, he filled it to the full. Sent to mark off so many hours on time's dial, his hand was never slack; he slept not for a single swing of the pendulum. May we keep our vigils as faithfully!

**BEGIN TO SAVE**  
Young men begin to save when you begin to earn. There is one sure mark of the coming millionaire. His revenues always exceed his expenditures. He begins to save as soon as he begins to earn. Capitalists trust the saving young man. It is not capital your seniors require, it is the man who has proved he has the business habits which make capital. Begin at once to lay up something. It is the first hundred dollars saved which tells. And here is the prime condition of success, the great secret; concentrate your energy, thought and capital exclusively upon the business in which you are engaged. Having begun in our line, resolve to fight it out on that line, to lead in it; adopt every improvement, have the best machinery and know the most about it. Finally, do not be impatient, for as Emerson says, "No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourselves."

**CHANCE GAMES MUST STOP**  
State detectives visited Milford during the past few days and notified tobacco and cigar stores, pool rooms and other places that the state law is being violated with respect to running games of chance. They gave warning to those who have indulged in such projects to be careful not to do so again, as the law will be strictly enforced against all offenders.  
This law applies to educational clubs of all kinds and to churches. All slot machines were ordered stopped also. One Milford business man who has been running a chance game with candy will be a loser by the strict mandate of the law, as he had purchased heavily of candy with which to give out by operating the game.

**CECILTON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Hall Short have moved to Newark.  
Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Hardesty were Smyrna visitors last Friday.  
Mrs. William H. Brown has been visiting friends in Millington, Md.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Boyles, of near Galena, spent Sunday with relatives in town.  
William Hardesty, of Georgetown, Del., is spending the holiday with his parents here.  
Miss Georgia Walmsley, of Principio, Md., is spending her holiday at her home in town.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Weed has moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Spear.  
Miss Isabella Clark was the guest of Misses Ada and Mary Davis on Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Garry and children, of Kennedysville, spent Christmas Day with Mr. James Smith.  
Miss Grace Crnkshank has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ronald Bond in Port Deposit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, of Wilmington, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alderson recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Benson and children, of Camden, N. J., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Padley.  
Misses Isabella Griffith, of Middletown, and Elma Taylor, of Townpoint, are spending their holiday with their parents in town.  
Mr. Lucy Daley has returned home in Baltimore for the winter, after spending the spring and summer months at the Bohemia farm.  
Mr. Woodward Walker, of this town, and Miss Margaret Fowler, of Chester, town, were married by Rev. L. E. Barrett, in Chestertown, Thursday, December 12th.

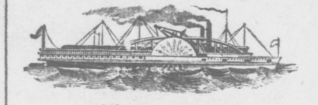
Services began on Sunday in St. Stephen E. P. Chapel will continue every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The evening service discontinued until further notice.

**Secrets of The Underworld**  
For the first time the country is going to have a clear view of the "seamy side" of New York life—the vast ramifications of craft and crime of which a glimpse was seen in the trials of Police Lieutenant Becker and the four gunmen who killed Rosenthal.

These revelations will be made in a series of articles, entitled "My Life in the Underworld," which will appear in the Philadelphia North American on successive Sundays beginning next Sunday, December 29.

The author is Jack Rose—"Bald" Jack Rose, the gambler, who for twenty years has been familiar with every noted inhabitant of the strange world of which he writes. It was his astounding testimony that sent Becker and the assassins to the death house in Sing Sing.  
Rose will "take the lid off" the underworld of New York, and reveal the astonishing life led by its denizens, the thousands who live by crime or by their wits.

**912 TIME TABLE 1912**



**The Iron STEAMER CLIO**

Captain H. V. Woodall  
WILL LEAVE

**Odessa and Port Penn for Philadelphia**  
AND RETURN FROM  
**Arch St. Wharf, Phila.**

AS PER TIME TABLE

ODESSA	DECEMBER	PHILA
Monday, 2, 5:30pm	Tuesday, 3, 12:30pm	
Thursday, 5, 5:00pm	Friday, 12, 12:30pm	
Monday, 9, 7:30pm	Tuesday, 10, 5:30pm	
Thursday, 12, 11:00am	Friday, 13, 7:30pm	
Monday, 16, 1:00pm	Tuesday, 17, 11:30am	
Thursday, 19, 5:30pm	Friday, 20, 11:30am	
Monday, 23, 5:30pm	Tuesday, 24, 1:30pm	
Thursday, 26, 11:00am	Friday, 27, 7:30pm	
Monday, 30th, 1:00pm	Tuesday, 31, 11:00am	

Steamer will leave Port Penn 1 1/2 hours later than Odessa time.  
Grain, Fruit and Stock Freight at Reasonable Rates.

Attention given to the Careful Handling and Prompt Delivery of all consignments.

For information in regard to Freight, apply to

**F. B. WATKINS, Manager**  
Odessa, Delaware  
**WILLIAM W. ROSE, Purser**

**NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS**  
—OF—

**St. Georges Hundred!**

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1912 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at  
AT R. S. CARPENTER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1912, From 1 to 3 P. M.

A. G. COX'S OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1912 From 10 A. M. to 12 Noon

JOSEPH H. KNOX'S OFFICE, IN ODESSA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1912, From 10 A. M. to 12 Noon

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

**JOHN E. DENNY**  
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

**NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS**  
—OF—

**APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED**

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1912 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at  
AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL., EVERY SATURDAY, DURING DECEMBER, 1912, From 2 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

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**WILLIAM C. MONEY,**  
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

**NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS**  
—OF—

**Blackbird Hundred!**

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1912 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be  
AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1912 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 23th, 1912 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT DELANEY'S, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1912 From 1 to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

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**JOHN BEITH,**

**FIRE INSURANCE**

Town Property, Farm Buildings, and Stock

**TORNADO INSURANCE**

Insure now against damage from wind storms

**Life and Accident Insurance**

**GEORGE D. KELLEY,**  
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Corn, bunions, ingrowing nails or any affections of the feet antiseptically and painlessly treated by graduate chiropodist. Also Shampooing, manicuring and Scalp Treatment. Hair Combing made up in the latest style.

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**East Main Street Market**  
DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE

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**M. BANNING**  
Phone 60 East Main St.  
Middletown, Delaware

**The Bell's Responsibilities**

This Company recognizes its obligations to the Public and makes its chief endeavor the efficient discharge of every duty.

The rendering of a comprehensive local and long distance telephone service is a task made possible only when

Our construction, equipment and operation conform to the most modern standards:

Our employees are as courteous as they are competent, and extend to everyone the same considerate treatment;

And our employees' welfare is insured through recognition of faithfulness and ability at least to the extent of proper wages.

It is the aim of the Company to furnish standard telephone service—at FAIR RATES, rates which

Will meet the necessary operating expenses;

Will provide adequate reserves for replacing worn out and obsolete plant;

Will allow a reasonable return on the investment.

The Company may then develop a telephone system which will give everyone the highest degree of satisfaction.

These are the responsibilities and obligations to which we subscribe, feeling that the people of this locality will co-operate with us at all times in our efforts to furnish the efficient and universal Bell Service.

**THE DIAMOND STATE TEL. CO.**  
**E. P. BARDO, Manager,** Wilmington, Del.

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AS A WOMAN'S PAPER THE SUN has no superior, being morally and intellectually a paper of the highest type. It publishes the very best features that can be written on fashion, art and miscellaneous matters.

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**PHONE NO. 74.**

**J. APPLEFELD & BRO.**

**MIDDLETOWN, DEL.**

**ESTATE OF EDWARD J. STEELE**

deceased Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Edward J. Steele late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto Ernest Richmond Steele on the 16th day of September A. D. 1912 and all persons indebted to the said deceased are required to make payment to the Administrator without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said Administrator on or before the 16th day of September A. D. 1913, or abide by the law in this behalf.

Address E. Richmond Steele, M. D. Dover, Delaware.

Ernest Richmond Steele, Administrator.

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Insures Property Against Fire and Lightning

BUSINESS CONDUCTED ON THE MUTUAL SYSTEM

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Present Membership Over Eight Thousand, With Over

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J. A. JESTER, Agent, Delaware City. Del. D. B. MALONEY, Agent, Townsend, Del.

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**The Transcript \$1**

**A Happy New Year TO ALL**

Christmas, with its multiple gift problems, is over.

Jovial Old Santa Claus broke all records in the number of visits he made, judging by the hundreds of his happy representatives, who thronged this store for days in preparation for his coming. Now that the Christmas gifts are bought, the midwinter requirements of the family's wardrobe and the home come pressing to the fore. Here is news of interest—chiefly news of opportunities to save on requirements for immediate needs.

It will be a clearance of all the left over holiday goods and a closing out of all little lots and odds and ends of staple merchandise.

To those who received money for Christmas, this sale provides unusual purchasing opportunities, and to those who want to buy New Year's gifts or acquire personal or household supplies, it offers unmatched economies.

All the good values will not be advertised, however, because many of the lots are too small to warrant mentioning in the paper. They will be placed on sale nevertheless, and to those who come to the store will find unexpected bargains at every turn.

All our Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats, Suits and Dresses will be sold at a great sacrifice and all left over holiday goods will go at cost. Come and be convinced.

**Fogel & Burstan's Dept. Store**  
Middletown, Delaware

**J. F. McWHORTER & SON**

**STOVES**

We have the largest and most complete line of Stoves of all descriptions in the State, high and medium grade. Prices right.

**J. F. McWHORTER & SON**

Middletown, : : : Delaware

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AT

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we have bought M. Dektor's old stand, on North Broad Street, near Jones' Meat Shop. We do the best work for less money—work done promptly and well.

**J. APPLEFELD & BRO.**

**MIDDLETOWN, DEL.**

**Keep Your Surplus Funds**

In an Interest-Paying Bank

It is not only unsafe, but unprofitable, to keep your surplus money idle. You'll find it an excellent plan to deposit such money in our bank pending permanent investment.

**Three Plans**

We offer our customers three plans by which they are enabled to receive interest on their funds left in our care.

**PLAN 1.** Check Account. We allow interest on check accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. providing the daily average balance is \$1.00 or more.

**PLAN 2.** Your money deposited in one of our Certificates of Deposit will draw 4 per cent. interest. Payable on demand.

**PLAN 3.** Money deposited in our Savings Department draws interest at the rate of 4 per cent. payable semi-annually.

**Security**

Every dollar on deposit with us is safeguarded by our ample Capital and Surplus of \$85,000. Capable and efficient management; directors who direct.

When you have Surplus Funds awaiting investment, write us.

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Newark, Del.

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